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SUBJECT: MIXED CREDITS

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1. MAJOR PORTION OF PORTUGUESE EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM CONSISTS OF INCENTIVES TO PORTUGUESE EXPORTING FIRMS RATHER THAN EXPORT CREDITS TO FOREIGN PURCHASERS. AMONG INCENTIVES TO DOMESTIC FIRMS IN EXPORT TRADE ARE TAX WRITEOFFS AND SUBSIDIZED EXPORT MARKET RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.

2. GOP DOES HAVE MODEST EXPORT CREDIT PROGRAMS WITH THREE EX-PORTUGUESE AFRICAN COUNTRIES - GUINEA - BISSAU, CAPE VERDE AND SAO TOME/PRINCIPE. PROGRAMS WERE NEGOTIATED IN 1976-1977 FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE OF THE THREE COUNTRIES. FOLLOWING ARE DETAILS.

3. GUINEA - BISSAU: (TWO CREDITS) -
A) MARCH 1977 LOAN OF \$2.25 MILLION LINKED TO EXPORT OF PORTUGUESE PRODUCTS; TO BE UTILIZED BY JUNE 30, 1978;
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INTEREST RATE 5 PERCENT; REPAYMENT IN 5 ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING IN JUNE 1979.

B) MARCH 1977 LOAN OF \$3.5 MILLION LINKED TO EXPORT OF PORTUGUESE GOODS; TO BE UTILIZED BY JUNE 30, 1978;
INTEREST RATE 1.5 PERCENT; REPAYMENT IN 15 ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING IN JUNE 1987.

4. CAPE VERDE:

JULY 1976 CREDIT OF \$3.1 MILLION TO BE UTILIZED BY
DECEMBER 31, 1978. \$1.9 MILLION OF THE AMOUNT IN CONVERTIBLE
ESCUDOS (UNTIED), WITH REMAINING \$1.2 MILLION LINKED TO
PORTUGUESE EXPORTS. INTEREST RATE 1.5 PERCENT, WITH REPAYMENT IN
15 ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING IN JUNE 1987.

5. SAO TOME/PRINCIPE:

DECEMBER 1976 CREDIT OF \$2.1 MILLION, OF WHICH \$1.6 MILLION
IS A REPAYABLE LOAN AND \$.5 MILLION CONSTITUTES A GRANT.
TO BE UTILIZED BY JUNE 30, 1978; NOT EXPRESSLY TIED TO
PORTUGUESE EXPORTS. INTEREST RATE 1.5 PERCENT, WITH REPAYMENT IN
5 ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING IN DECEMBER 1981.

6. APART FROM THE ABOVE CITED AGREEMENTS, GOP GENERALLY DOES
NOT EXTEND EXPORT CREDITS.
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